

Citizens may comment on a permit for the withdrawal of ground water in Virginia Beach, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 6, 2005 to December 6, 2005

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit

Any person or facility that proposes to withdraw 300,000 gallons per month or more in a ground water management area may have to submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality, which is under the authority delegated by the State Water Control Board.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: AlSCO, Inc.; 5616 Shell Road, Virginia Beach, VA; GW0047700

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: AlSCO, Servitex Division; Virginia Beach

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AlSCO, Inc. has applied for a new permit for a commercial laundry facility in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 51,233 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a process water supply for a commercial laundry facility. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Yorktown aquifer at a depth between 47 feet to 330 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, DEQ will decide whether to issue the permit or to conduct a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. If there is a public hearing, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should also include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns.

TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT AND APPLICATION: The public may review the documents at the DEQ Tidewater Regional Office every work day by appointment.

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